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STATEWIDE GENERAL WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM AGENCIES

Wednesday, May 3, 2006 – 10:00 a.m.

Coastal Hearing Room – Second Floor

Joe Serna, Jr. Cal/EPA Building

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The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will consider adopting a Statewide General Waste Discharge Requirements (WDR) for Wastewater Collection System Agencies on **Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at 10:00 a.m.** during a regularly scheduled Board meeting in the Coastal Hearing Room in the Cal/EPA Building in Sacramento. This revised draft WDR and reporting program addresses SSO reporting and proper collection system management and operation necessary to protect public health, water quality, and the public's investment in the sewer system infrastructure.

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board adopted Resolution 2004-80, requiring staff to work with stakeholders in developing a regulatory program that will provide a consistent approach for reducing Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs). As a result, State Water Board staff organized and collaborated with a statewide SSO Guidance Committee composed of representatives from the Regional Water Quality Control Boards (Regional Water Boards), county environmental health departments, environmental groups, U.S. EPA, local public collection system owners, and other collection system experts.

As a result of this collaboration, State Water Board staff developed the following documents necessary for the successful implementation of a SSO Reduction Program:

Draft Statewide General WDRs for Wastewater Collection System Agencies;

Draft Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

Draft Fact Sheet for the Draft Statewide General WDRs

The State Water Board conducted a public hearing on February 8, 2006, to receive oral and written comments on these documents. The State Water Board has revised these documents based upon comments received during this process.

The revised documents are available on the State Water Board's website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/ssso>. All revisions to the above referenced documents have been tracked by underline and strikeout.



SUBMISSION OF COMMENTS

The State Water Board encourages all interested persons to submit written comments on the revisions to the original document and the fee schedule. The State Water Board **must receive all written comments no later than 5:00 p.m., April 24, 2006**. Comments will be accepted by regular mail, email, or fax. If you plan to attend and provide oral testimony at the State Water Board meeting, all persons who submitted written comments are requested to briefly summarize their written comments. The State Water Board will also accept oral comments from individuals that have not submitted written comments. Time limitations on presentations may be imposed in order to allow all participants an opportunity to address the State Water Board. Persons with similar views are encouraged to make joint presentations.

The State Water Board may consider taking action on the revised draft WDRs and associated documents at the May 3, 2006, meeting. The State Water Board will consider all comments before taking final action on the proposed Statewide General WDR for Wastewater Collection System Agencies and associated documents.

When submitting written comments, please indicate in the subject line: "COMMENT LETTER - 5/3/06 BOARD MEETING – SSORP." If you have specific questions about the proposed SSO Reduction Program, please contact Bryan Brock via e-mail at bbrock@waterboards.ca.gov or call (916) 341-5276.

Written comments should be submitted to:

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March 23, 2006
Date



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